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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**IN RE APPLICATION OF:**

Singh, et al.

SERIAL No.: Not Yet Assigned

FILED: Filed Herewith

FOR: MULTIPLE-SITE SAMPLE-HANDLING  
APPARATUS AND METHOD

EXAMINER: Unknown

ART UNIT: Unknown

**Declaration Under 37 CFR §1.821**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I, Peter J. Dehlinger, declare and affirm as follows:

1. I am an agent for the applicant.

2. The floppy disc submitted in parent application number 09/788,209 on August 6, 2001 contains the required sequence listing. Applicants file herewith a Request to Use Computer-Readable Form of Sequence Listing from Parent Application.

3. The sequence listing recorded on said disc matches the hard copy of the sequence listing accompanying this Declaration.

4. The present submission contains no new matter relative to the application as originally filed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**INVENTORSHIP DECLARATION BY JOINT INVENTORS**

I HEREBY DECLARE THAT:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are stated next to my name in PART A on hereof.

I believe I am the original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**MULTIPLE-SITE SAMPLE-HANDLING APPARATUS AND METHOD**

the specification of which:

is attached hereto.

was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed in PART B hereof and have also identified in PART B on hereof any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application of which priority is claimed.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) and §120, of any United States application(s) listed in PART C hereof and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and any national or PCT international filing date of this application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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**PART B: CLAIM TO PRIORITY OF FOREIGN APPLICATION(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119(a-d)**

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**PART C: CLAIM TO PRIORITY OF U.S. PROVISIONAL AND NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119(e) AND 120**

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